

What About the Children?

A Family Law Seminar

If you have minor children, you are *required* to attend this seminar.

Presented by:

King County Superior Court
Family Court Services

The purpose of this seminar is to help parents understand the court process and how children are affected by parental conflict. Seminar topics include: how to develop a parenting plan that best meets the children's needs; information about family court process and procedures; effects of parental conflict on the family, especially the children; and communicating better with the other parent.

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

Pursuant to King County Superior Court Local Family Law Rule 13(c), **parties involved in family law actions with children must attend this seminar within 60 days of the petition.**

You must also attend the seminar to participate in mediation/evaluation services provided by Family Court Services.

All parties to a case must attend the seminar. A registration form should be served upon the other party/parties with the Case Schedule.

If you have previously attended the seminar, additional attendance is encouraged but not required. Please contact the Clerk's Office at (206) 296-9300 to obtain a copy of your Certificate of Completion. If you have already attended the seminar, and you have a case filed in King County, please file a copy of your Certificate of Completion with the King County Clerk's office [Room E609 in Seattle; Room 1D in Kent].

Please call **(206) 477-1464 [for Seattle]** or **(206) 477-2745 [for Kent]** to request alternate formats, reasonable accommodations, or for other questions.

SECURITY

Security of participants is of great importance. King County Superior Court Family Court reserves the right to take measures to ensure the safety of seminar participants. You will not be admitted to the seminar if you are carrying a weapon (per RCW 9.41.300) or if you are under the influence of drugs/alcohol. You will be asked to leave the seminar if you exhibit behavior that is disruptive or threatening to the participants or the presenter.

Children cannot attend and childcare is not provided.



PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Seminars are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so early registration is encouraged. You will not be scheduled for the same seminar as the other party.

If your registration form is not completely filled out, including payment and verification of income, it will delay your registration. No registration will be accepted online or over the phone. You will receive confirmation of the seminar date, time and location by mail or email advising which seminar you are to attend. Seminar location will not be disclosed until you have registered.

Seminar schedules are available at the King County Clerk's Office, Family Court Services [Room 280 in Seattle; Room 1D in Kent] or online at www.kingcounty.gov/courts/familycourt/services.aspx.

RESCHEDULING

Parties are permitted one opportunity to reschedule. Rescheduled dates must be in accordance with LFLR 13 (c). **Failure to attend by your Case Schedule deadline will result in a noncompliance fee in addition to the registration fee.**

INTERPRETER SERVICES

Depending on your income, court-appointed interpreters may be provided for King County cases for seminars in Kent or Seattle locations, but are not for Mercer Island.

Fees for court-appointed interpreters are determined by the court. A form must be filled out and reviewed by the court to determine the amount of the fee, if any. You must pre-register if you are requesting a court-appointed interpreter.

Court-appointed interpreters are not available after 4:30 p.m.

You may bring your own interpreter at no additional fee. This person must be over 18 years of age and cannot be a party to your case.

PARENT SEMINAR FEES: \$40.00 per person

You must include payment with your registration or your registration will immediately be returned to you. There will be an additional **\$35.00 noncompliance fee per person** if attending after your Case Schedule deadline. You may pay, in person, with cash, check or money order or, by mail, with check or money order.

FEE REDUCTION GUIDELINES

Fees are reduced to **\$20.00 per person** if your after-tax (net) income is less than \$20,000.00 *and* is above 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below). You must provide proof of your income. Acceptable proof of income includes current Tax Returns; Pay stubs or Unemployment stubs.

Fees are reduced to **\$5.00 per person** if you are receiving SSI, SSDI, or other public benefits *and* your income is above 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below). You must provide proof of your benefits. Acceptable proof of benefits includes current ProviderOne Services card; Proof of state health insurance; SSI or SSDI.

Fees are **waived per person** if your after-tax income is less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below), or you receive TANF or Food Stamps. Acceptable proof of income or benefits includes current Tax Returns; Pay stubs; Unemployment stubs; Award letter for TANF or EBT Card.

NONCOMPLIANCE FEE

This fee is applicable to King County cases filed after January 1, 2011. If you attend the seminar after the deadline indicated in the Order Setting Case Schedule, you are subject to the \$35.00 noncompliance fee per LFLR 13(c). Please submit the total fee due (i.e. \$40 seminar + \$35 noncompliance = \$75.00; \$0 waived + \$35 noncompliance = \$35.00).

2013 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
Persons in family/household	Poverty Guideline	125% Poverty Guideline
1	\$11,490	\$14,363
2	\$15,510	\$19,388
3	\$19,530	\$24,413
4	\$23,550	\$29,438
5	\$27,570	\$34,463
6	\$31,590	\$39,488
7	\$35,610	\$44,513
8	\$39,630	\$49,538
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,020 for each addition person in the Poverty Guideline column.		

FAMILY LAW PARENT SEMINAR REGISTRATION				<i>Complete all sections of this form.</i>	
LAST NAME:		FIRST NAME:		MIDDLE INITIAL:	
EMAIL: <small>(to receive your confirmation letter)</small>				PHONE NO.:	
ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP:					
KING COUNTY CASE NO. (ex. 13-3-00001-1 SEA) : <small>If your case is not filed in King County, please indicate the County and State of filing.</small>			INTERPRETER SERVICES: <input type="checkbox"/> I will provide my own interpreter. Name of Interpreter: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I need a court-appointed interpreter. Language: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I need an ASL court-appointed interpreter. (You will be contacted regarding your request.)		
NAME(S) OF OTHER PARTIES TO YOUR CASE:			I WANT TO ATTEND THE CLASS AT: <input type="checkbox"/> King County Courthouse in Seattle Mail this form with check or money order to: KCSC-PS, 516 3rd Ave., W-280, Seattle, WA 98104 <input type="checkbox"/> Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent Mail this form with check or money order to: KCSC-PS, 401 4th Ave. N., Room 1D, Kent, WA 98032 <input type="checkbox"/> Mercer Island (Mail to either Seattle or Kent) You may also pay with cash, check or money order, <i>in person</i> , at the Kent or Seattle locations listed above.		
PREFERRED DATES: (Select dates at least 3 weeks from the day you plan to submit this registration form.)					
FIRST CHOICE Location: <input type="checkbox"/> Seattle <input type="checkbox"/> Kent <input type="checkbox"/> Mercer Island Date: _____		SECOND CHOICE Location: <input type="checkbox"/> Seattle <input type="checkbox"/> Kent <input type="checkbox"/> Mercer Island Date: _____			
KING COUNTY CASE SCHEDULE DEADLINE: Deadline listed on your Case Schedule to attend the parent seminar: _____. Applicable to cases filed after January 1, 2011 in King County only. If your preferred date exceeds your Case Schedule deadline, you are subject to the \$35.00 noncompliance fee per LFLR 13(c).					